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Draft resolution submitted by the Chairman following informal consultations

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its previous resolutions on the Joint Inspection Unit, hereafter referred to as the Unit, in particular resolution 50/233 of 7 June 1996,

Having considered the annual reports of the Joint Inspection Unit for the periods 1 July 1995 to 30 June 1996[1] and 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997,[2] its programme of work for 1996-1997[3] and for 1997-1998,[4] the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the note of the Joint Inspection Unit regarding the cycle for its programme of work[5] and the report of the Secretary-General on implementation of the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit,[6]

Reaffirming the statute of the Joint Inspection Unit, the only independent system-wide inspection, evaluation and investigation body,

Stressing again that the impact of the Unit on the cost-effectiveness of activities within the United Nations system is a shared responsibility of the Member States, the Unit and the secretariats of the participating organizations,

1. *Takes note* with appreciation of the annual reports of the Joint Inspection Unit for the periods from 1 July 1995 to 30 June 1996[1] and 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997,[2] of its

[1] A/51/34.
[2] A/52/34.
[3] A/51/559 and Corr.1.
[4] A/52/267.
[5] A/53/180.
[6] A/52/206.

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programme of work for 1996-1997,[3] for 1997-1998,[4] and for 1999,[7] of the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the note of the Joint Inspection Unit regarding the cycle for its programme of work[5] and of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit;[6]

2. *Invites* the Joint Inspection Unit, while preparing its annual programme of work, to give priority to the reports requested by the participating organizations;

3. *Recognizes* the improvements made in the functioning of the Unit, encourages the Unit to continue its efforts in this respect, and decides to revert to the issue of the functioning of the Unit at its fifty-sixth session;

4. *Endorses* the system of follow-up on the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit, as contained in annex I of the annual report of the Unit for the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997, and, in this connection, invites the Unit:

(a) To send reminders/notices for implementation of recommendations to the executive heads;

(b) Also to include in its annual reports approved recommendations that are not implemented;

5. *Requests* that the system be implemented expeditiously;

6. *Also requests* the Unit to report on the experience with the system, including actions taken and comments made by participating organizations, to the General Assembly at its fifty-sixth session.

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[7] A/53/841.